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Amendments to the Claims:

1 – 5. Cancelled.

6. (Currently amended) The solid preparation of claim 3140, wherein said solid preparation is a tablet.

7. (Currently amended) The solid preparation of claim 3140, wherein said continuous film coating layer comprises one or more cellulose derivatives as film coating agents.

8. (Previously added) The solid preparation of Claim 7, wherein said cellulose derivative is selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose (HPMC), methylcellulose (MC) and hydroxypropyl cellulose (HPC).

9. (Previously amended) The solid preparation of Claim 8, wherein said cellulose derivative is hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose.

10. Cancelled.

11. (Currently amended) The solid preparation of claim 3140, wherein at least a portion of said film is exposed to radiation under conditions sufficient to fade the exposed colorant.

12. Cancelled.

13. (Currently amended) The solid preparation of claim 3140, wherein at least a portion of said film is exposed to radiation under conditions sufficient to render the exposed colorant semi-transparent.

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14. (Currently amended) The solid preparation of claim 3140, wherein said colorant is a food additive.

15. (Currently amended) The solid preparation of claim 3140, wherein said solid preparation further comprises at least one additional layer underlying said continuous film coating layer, said at least one additional layer comprising a colorant to impart a color thereto that is different from the colors of the overlying continuous film coating layer.

16. (Currently amended) The solid preparation of claim 3140, wherein said film coating layer has two or more different colors.

17. (Currently amended) The solid preparation of claim 3140, wherein said film coating layer has a pattern of two or more different colors.

18. (Previously added) The solid preparation of claim 17, wherein said pattern comprises a logo.

19. (Previously added) The solid preparation of claim 17, wherein said pattern comprises a bar code.

20. (Previously added) The solid preparation of claim 17, wherein said pattern comprises letters.

21 – 30. Cancelled.

31. (Newly added) A solid preparation coated with a continuous film, prepared by the process of

coating a solid preparation with a continuous film coating layer having one or more colorants; and,

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exposing a first part of the coating layer to a first amount of radiation and exposing a second part of the coating layer to a second amount of radiation under conditions sufficient to result in the first and second parts of the coating layer having different coloration.

32. (Newly added) The solid preparation of claim 31, wherein at least a portion of said film coating layer is exposed to radiation under conditions sufficient to render the exposed colorant transparent.

33. (Newly added) A solid preparation coated with a continuous film, prepared by the process of

coating a solid preparation with a continuous film coating layer having one or more colorants; and,

changing the coloration of one or more parts of the coating layer by irradiating those parts of the coating layer to the exclusion of the remainder of the coating.

34. (Newly added) The solid preparation of claim 33, wherein said solid preparation is a tablet.

35. (Newly added) The solid preparation of claim 33, wherein said continuous film coating layer comprises one or more cellulose derivatives as film coating agents.

36. (Newly added) The solid preparation of Claim 35, wherein said cellulose derivative is selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose (HPMC), methylcellulose (MC) and hydroxypropyl cellulose (HPC).

37. (Newly added) The solid preparation of Claim 36, wherein said cellulose derivative is hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose.

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38. (Newly added) The solid preparation of claim 33, wherein at least a portion of said film is exposed to radiation under conditions sufficient to fade the exposed colorant.

39. (Newly added) The solid preparation of claim 33, wherein at least a portion of said film is exposed to radiation under conditions sufficient to render the exposed colorant transparent.

40. (Newly added) The solid preparation of claim 33, wherein at least a portion of said film is exposed to radiation under conditions sufficient to render the exposed colorant semi-transparent.

41. (Newly added) The solid preparation of claim 33, wherein said colorant is a food additive.

42. (Newly added) The solid preparation of claim 33, wherein said solid preparation further comprises at least one additional layer underlying said continuous film coating layer, said at least one additional layer comprising a colorant to impart a color thereto that is different from the colors of the overlying continuous film coating layer.

43. (Newly added) The solid preparation of claim 33, wherein said film coating layer has two or more different colors.

44. (Newly added) The solid preparation of claim 33, wherein said film coating layer has a pattern of two or more different colors.

45. (Newly added) The solid preparation of claim 44, wherein said pattern comprises a logo.

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46. (Newly added) The solid preparation of claim 44, wherein said pattern comprises a bar code.

47. (Newly added) The solid preparation of claim 44, wherein said pattern comprises letters.

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